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SUBJECT: S&T JOINT FUND: TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS

1. AS FOLLOW UP TO DECEMBER 11 MEETING WASHINGTON, SCIATT RE-EXAMINED METHOD FOR FUNDING INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION FOR POLES ON S&T RESEARCH AGREEMENTS. EVIDENCE AT HAND INDICATES THAT ALL AGENCIES EXCEPT AGRICULTURE HANDLE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION IN SIMILAR MANNER WHICH IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH STOESSEL-KRZAK AGREEMENT AND DOES NOT RESULT IN DOUBLE DISBURSEMENTS. POLISH COOPERATING RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS DO NOT RECEIVE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FUNDS DIRECTLY; THESE ARE RETAINED AT THE POLISH "COORDINATING INSTITUTIONS" (E.G., PAN, SCIENCE MINISTRY). COORDINATING INSTITUTIONS PURCHASE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION DRAWING ON TRAVEL FUNDS IN INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH BUDGETS, BUT ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF "TO WHOM" FORM SIGNED BY EMBASSY SCIATT. THE TO WHOM FORMS, WHICH LIST THE INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH PROJECT AND EXACT AMOUNTS INVOLVED, MAY BE CONSIDERED AS AN EMBASSY GTR. THESE FORMS ARE NEEDED FOR HARD CURRENCY CONVERSIONS BY THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS THROUGH THE POLISH FOREIGN EXCHANGE BANK (BANK HANDLOWY) WHICH THEN TRANSMITS FORMS TO EMBASSY ON MONTHLY BASIS. THESE RECORDS ARE THEN USED TO TRANSFER MONEY OUT OF EMBASSY TRAVEL ACCOUNT TO EMBASSY OPERATING ACCOUNT. PLEASE NOTE THAT "DISBURSEMENTS" FROM EMBASSY TRAVEL FUND ARE IN EFFECT ONLY CONVERSIONS OF FRONT-END ZLOTYS TO REAR-END ZLOTYS, AND THAT NET RESULT OF ENTIRE OPERATION IS TO EFFECT PAYMENT OF INTERNATIONAL

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TRANSPORTATION FOR POLES WITH FRONT-END ZLOTYS WHILE DRAWING

DOWN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL LINE ITEM IN INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH PROJECTS.

2. PRESENT METHOD OF FUNDING TRANSPORTATION THEREFORE APPEARS ENTIRELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH STOESEL-KRZAK AGREEMENT, AND EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT IT BE RETAINED. WITHHOLDING OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS FOR POLES BY EMBASSY WOULD RESULT IN CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL WORKLOAD AND HAS FURTHER DISADVANTAGE OF NOT BEING SUBJECT TO MATCHING BY POLES.

3. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH PROJECTS HANDLED IN SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT MANNER WHICH WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE CABLE.

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